

Rev. Rufus Anderson,
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Rev. A. A. Phelps.

C. Boston.

My dear brother,

I owe you an apology for not returning the enclosed sooner. I suppose the reason is, that I have been daily expecting a call from you, agreeably to an intimation in your favor of 13th ult.^o I am now going to Andover for a few days, and on my return shall be happy to see you. The Oberlin Memorial is very loose in its statements, and I don't wonder you were not satisfied with it. The other memorial, of which you were so kind as to send me a copy, looks as if the difference between you and us is not so very great after all. I believe that our practical position in regard to slavery is now precisely the same as in regard to other specific forms of evil existing in the community, and I am certain that the contrary has never yet been made out by any one. If it comes in our way, as Indian oppression did, among the Cherokees, or Intemperance

at the Sandwich Islands, we shall not be backward,
I trust, to speak of it as it deserves, so far as the good
of the object entrusted to our special care requires us
to speak at all.

In much haste, but most truly yours,

P. Anderson.